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***Response to Amendment***

1. The reply filed on 10-19-04 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Claim 45 remains misidentified under 37 CFR § 1.121(c), which requires that Applicants properly indicate the status of each and every claim. Claim 45 has been identified as (amended). However, under 37 CFR § 1.121(c) “In the claim listing, the status of every claim must be indicated after its claim number by using one of the following identifiers in a parenthetical expression: (Original), (Currently amended), (Canceled), (Withdrawn), (Previously presented), (New), and (Not entered).” The status of “amended” is not an appropriate claim identifier.

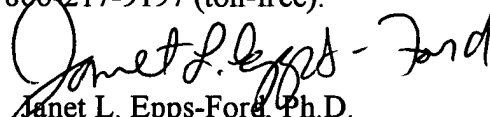
2. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

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3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Janet L. Epps-Ford, Ph.D. whose telephone number is 571-272-0757. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Saturday, Flex Schedule.

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